

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 45-51.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated November 15, 2002 has been carefully reviewed. Claims 45-51 have been canceled. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection

Claim 57 was rejected as being indefinite due to an alleged antecedent basis issue. In particular, it was alleged that in line 6, "window" lacks antecedent basis. However, the Examiner's attention is directed to line 3 of claim 57 in which the antecedent basis for "window" can be found.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 26-44 and 52-61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by a supplemental product catalog distributed by Auto Meter Competition Instruments for 2001 having a publication date of 10/24/00 in its lower right corner (hereinafter "AUTO METER").

However, in order to overcome this rejection, attached hereto is a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131. As a result, AUTOMETER is not believed

to be prior art as to Applicant's invention. Accordingly, claims 26-44 and 52-61 are believed to be allowable.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

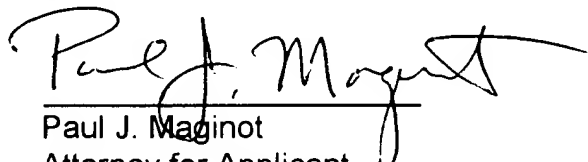
Claims 45-51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over AUTOMETER alone. Claims 45-51 have been canceled in order to expedite issuance of the other claims of this patent application.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Action to that end is hereby solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Declaration Under 37 CFR § 1.131